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Fig. 1.

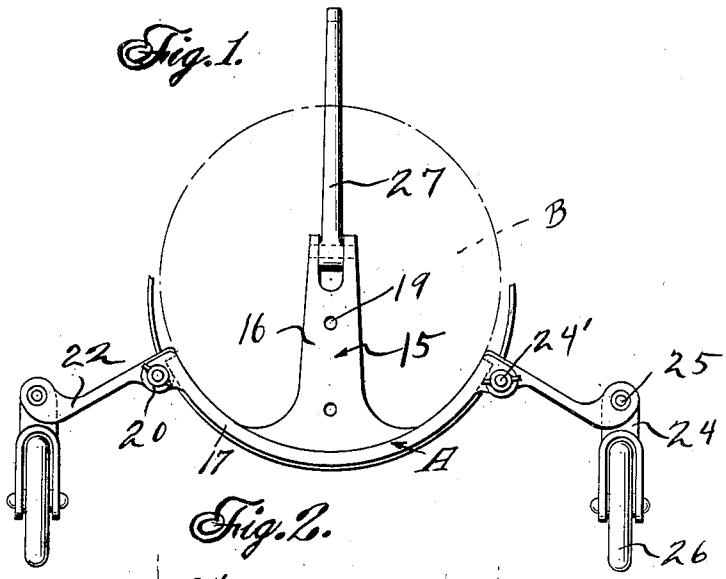


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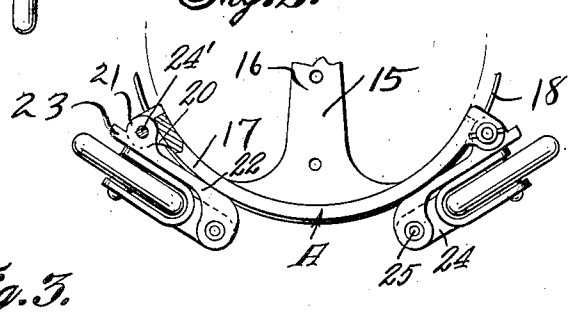


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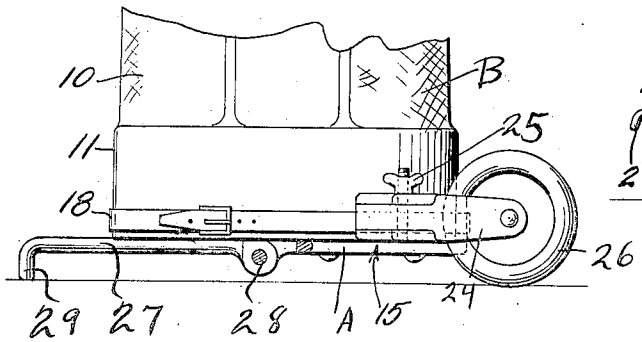
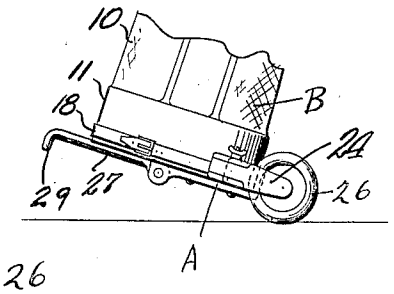


Fig. 4.



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This invention appertains to game apparatus and more particularly to golf bags.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in the handling of the golf bag during the playing of the various holes irrespective of whether a caddy is employed or not, especially in view of the combined weight of the bag and the clubs, and the distance the bag must be carried between the holes. Where a caddy is not used, the bag is generally laid down flat on the ground, causing the player to bend over for the selection of the proper club for his shot, and for the bag incidental to the carrying thereof.

It is, therefore, a primary object of my invention to provide a novel device for association with a standard golf bag, whereby the bag can be wheeled or trundled from one hole to the other without the necessity of a person supporting the weight of the bags and clubs, with means whereby the bag can be held in an upright position to permit the easy selection of the correct club for the playing of the ball.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a novel attachment for golf bags embodying a frame, with means for connecting the frame to the lower end of a golf bag, the frame having connected therewith supporting wheels, to permit the golf bag to be wheeled or trundled over the golf course.

A further object of my invention is the provision of a supporting leg carried by the attachment and arranged between the supporting wheels to provide a relatively wide three-point supporting base, whereby the bag can be conveniently held in an upright vertical position on the ground during the playing of the ball and to facilitate the selection of the desired club from the bag.

A further salient object of my invention is the provision of novel means for mounting the wheels and the supporting leg on the frame, whereby the wheels and the leg can be folded into close engagement with the bag, when the same are not in use, so as to facilitate the carrying of the bag and so that the bag will occupy a minimum amount of space during storage and the like.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a novel attachment for golf bags of the above character, which will be durable and efficient in use, one that will be simple and easy to manufacture and one which can be placed upon the market and associated with a conventional golf bag at a low cost.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my attachment showing the wheels and the supporting leg in their operative positions;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary top plan view, showing the wheels in their collapsed position;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary side elevation of the device, with the leg and wheels in their operative position, with the bag shown in its upright position;

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3, showing the bag being wheeled over the ground.

Referring to the drawing in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter "A" generally indicates my improved attachment and "B" a golf bag with which the same can be associated.

The bag "B" can be of any preferred type or construction and as shown includes the usual body 10 for supporting the clubs. The body 10 can be provided with the reinforced bottom 12 and the usual carrying or shoulder strap (not shown).

My improved attachment "A" may comprise a supporting base 15 which can be in the nature of a casting. As shown, this base includes a supporting plate 16 which extends substantially across the bottom of the golf bag "A". The outer end of the plate 16 has formed thereon an arcuate upstanding wall 17 which is adapted to closely embrace the outer side face of the bag. This base 15 can be secured on the bottom of the bag in any preferred way, but I preferably provide means for detachably securing the same in place. Thus, a strap 18 can be employed for engaging about the lower end of the bag "A" and the wall 17. If desired, the strap can be connected to the ends of the wall 17 in lieu of passing around the said wall. Where it is desired to permanently attach the base to the bag, the plate 16 can be provided with openings whereby rivets or other fastening elements can be employed for rigidly connecting the base to the reinforced bottom 12 of the bag.

The terminals of the plate 17 can carry spaced ears 20 between which are received the hinge barrels 21 formed on the inner ends of the swinging arms 22. The arms 22 can be limited in their swinging movement in one direction by lugs 23 formed on said arms. Suitable pivot pins 24' can be utilized for connecting the hinge barrels 21 to the ears 20. This forms substantially a knuckle joint.

The outer ends of the arms 22 have swivelly

connected thereto, the wheel brackets 24 as at 25. These brackets carry any preferred type of wheels 26. If desired, the wheels can be formed of pressed steel and provided with rubber tires. By this arrangement, it can be seen that the wheels are connected with the base by a double hinge joint, so that the same can be swung outwardly to an operative position, as shown in Figure 1, or the arms 22 can be swung back against the wall 17 and the brackets 22 in engagement with the arms, as clearly shown in Figure 2.

Thus, the wheels can be made to lie in close engagement with the side of the bag, so as to occupy a minimum amount of space during the carrying of the bag or during the storing of the bag.

The outer end of the arm or plate 16 can be bifurcated to receive the leg 27 and the leg is connected to the arm or plate 16 by a suitable pivot pin 28. This leg is of such a size as to extend beyond the side of the bag "A" when the leg is swung to its extended position, as shown in Figures 1 and 3. The extreme outer end of the leg can be provided with a supporting foot or prong 29 for engaging the ground.

When the leg 27 is swung to its extended position and the wheels are moved outwardly beyond the sides of the bag an enlarged base will be provided which will effectively support the bag in a vertical position, as shown in Figures 1 and 3. The wheels and the leg forms a three-point contact with the ground and thus will aid in supporting the bag in a vertical position irrespective of the contour of the ground.

It is obvious, that when it is desired to transport the bag over a golf course, that it is merely necessary to tilt the same on the wheels as shown in Figure 4 and the bag can then be readily wheeled or trundled over the ground, thereby effectively relieving the weight of the bag from the person handling the same.

From the foregoing description, it can be seen that I have provided a novel attachment which can be readily associated with conventional golf bags without any change in the construction thereof, which will facilitate the transporting of the bag over a golf course.

Obviously the leg 27 can be folded back against the arm or plate 16, when the leg is not in use, so that the leg will be entirely out of the way when the bag is not being used on the golf course.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or the scope of this invention, but what I claim as new is:

I claim:

1. The combination with a golf bag, of an attachment therefor including a base, means for securing the base to the bag, arms hingedly connected to the base and movable into and out of engagement therewith, wheel brackets pivotally connected to the outer ends of the arms, and wheels rotatably carried by the brackets.

2. A wheeled attachment for golf bags comprising a base including an arcuate upstanding wall and a radially disposed arm, a swinging leg secured to the outer end of the arm, a ground engaging prong on the outer end of the leg, supporting arms pivotally secured to the outer ends of the wall, means for limiting swinging movement of the arms in one direction, wheel brackets pivotally connected to the outer ends of the arms, and wheels rotatably mounted in the brackets.

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